



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 5/9/2023

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Department of Health Services

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Tina Rivera 707-565-4774; Bryan Cleaver 707-565-6501; James Salvante 707-565-6503

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt a Gold Resolution proclaiming the week of May 21 to May 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in Sonoma County.

### **Executive Summary:**

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services (hereinafter “DHS”, or “the Department”) is showcasing the local Emergency Medical Services system in Sonoma County which is comprised of numerous private and public sector organizations such as fire departments and districts, law enforcement departments, air and ground ambulance service providers, hospitals, county parks, and 9-1-1 dispatch centers. The Emergency Medical Services team includes dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, physicians, educators, administrators, firefighters, and citizen advisory groups. Together, these organizations and individuals provide the citizens of and visitors to Sonoma County with responsive, high-quality emergency medical services.

### **Discussion:**

Each year, one week is designated to recognize those persons and agencies that make up the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team and to educate the public about the services provided.

For 2023, May 21-27, has been designated National Emergency Medical Services Week, with the theme "Where Emergency Care Begins." Emergency Medical Services providers in the County use this week to acknowledge and commend the work of their staff in providing quality medical care.

The focal event for Emergency Medical Services Week activities in Sonoma County is the Survivor’s Reunion, sponsored by the Sonoma County Paramedic Association. The 29th annual recognition of patient survivors and rescuers will include local emergency response agencies and dignitaries joining together in recognizing our local heroes. The reunion is always a touching celebration of lives saved.

### **Prior Board Actions:**

Resolutions proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week in Sonoma County have been adopted each May for many years, most recently May 5, 2022.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

#### **Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None

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**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Gold Resolution

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None